TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION, 1101.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Friday, the 13th August 1926|29th Karkatakam, 1101.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at eleven thirty of the clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-law, Dewan, presiding. All except the following members were present:—Mr. A. K. Pillai, Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai and Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Nurses and the Rule against Marriage.

118. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of question No. 10 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd November 1925, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the memorials submitted by the nurses whose services were dispensed with for violating the rule against marriage;

(*b*) whether there is a nurse in the General Hospital at present who has violated the rule against marriage;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative,

(i) the name of the person,

(ii) her qualification,

(iii) the date of her appointment,

(iv) her present pay, and

(v) the number of children she has; and

(*d*) whether the existing rule against marriage now applied to some nurses is equally applicable to all nurses as well as to lady doctors employed in the Medical Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Till the issue of the notification, dated the 8th May 1926, the rule applied only to the stipendiary nurses who were on Rs. 25-3/2-40, and by that notification, the rule was made applicable to all nurses who received training after its date. It does not apply to women doctors.

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